



#### March 2024

You are receiving this letter because you <u>may</u> sell beverages in containers that have an Oregon refund value. If any of your business activity is regulated under Oregon law (ORS 459A), it is your responsibility to understand that you may be required to report some or all of the beverage containers you sell, so please read this letter carefully.

Oregon law requires businesses that have reportable beverage containers to take <u>two annual actions</u> for the prior calendar year. Currently businesses must:

- 1) Report to OLCC their sales and return data for calendar year 2023, AND
- 2) **Register with OBRC**, if not already participating in the cooperative, any redeemable beverage containers sold or offered for sale in 2023.

OLCC has developed an online report that businesses must complete and explains the requirements as you progress through the report. All affected businesses are required to complete basic contact information, but not all businesses will have to answer each question in the report. For example, early in the report you will be asked if you distributed any redeemable beverage containers in the past year. If you only sold wine, which includes cider over 8.5% ABV, you would check 'no' and you will be finished with the report. OBRC also has its Beverage Container Registration form available online.

To access the OLCC report and OBRC registration, use the links or QR codes below:

For OLCC: https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/Pages/BottleBillReport.aspx

For OBRC: <a href="https://registration.obrc.com/">https://registration.obrc.com/</a>

# Note, OBRC Patrons do not need to complete a separate registry with OBRC. OBRC will submit sales and return data to OLCC on behalf of its Patrons.

You must complete the OLCC report and register your beverages with OBRC <u>no later than April 1, 2024</u>. If you are associated with several businesses or have multiple locations, please either include in one report sales and returns for all relevant and related businesses or submit multiple forms.

If you have questions about reporting, email <a href="OLCC.BottleBill@oregon.gov">OLCC.BottleBill@oregon.gov</a>. If you have questions about beverage container registration, email <a href="ORBottleBillRegistration@obrc.com">ORBottleBillRegistration@obrc.com</a>. The statutory deadline for submitting your information is <a href="July 1">July 1</a>, 2024, after which OLCC may impose penalties.

During the 2022 legislative session, <u>changes were made</u> to the Bottle Bill impacting both distributors and the Oregon Beverage & Recycling Cooperative (OBRC). Those changes are outlined below:

## Distributors with fewer than 15,000 units sold per year must either, by January 1, 2024:

- Become a member of OBRC or
- Pay an annual fee of \$5,000 to OLCC.

# Distributors with at least 15,000 and up to and including 500,000 units sold per year must either, by January 1, 2024:

- Become a member of OBRC or
- Pay an annual fee of \$25,000 to OLCC.

### Distributors with more than 500,000 units sold PER YEAR MUST EITHER, by January 1, 2023:

- Become a member of OBRC or
- Pay an annual fee in the amount of \$3,000 per full-service redemption center operated by any person in the state; **and**
- Provide comparable services to OBRC in the areas in which the distributors sell beverages.

#### SANCTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTORS THAT DO NOT MEET THE REQUIRED DEADLINES:

- Distributors will be subject to the following sanctions after a time period beginning on the date of issuance of an OLCC compliance notice:
  - \$200 per day after a 60-day period
  - o \$400 per day after a 100-day period
  - o For each day after a 200-day period:
    - \$1,000 per day for distributors that sold more than 500,000 but fewer than five million units per year;
    - \$1,500 per day for distributors that sold at least five million but fewer than 10 million units per year; or
    - \$2,500 per day for distributors that sold 10 million or more units per year.

"Distributor" means every person who engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any manufacturer who engages in such sales.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Bottle Bill Program

**OLCC** report:

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OR Bottle Bill Registration

**OBRC** registration: